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Inmate Death at FMC Lexington

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, May 29, 2020, inmate Gerald Porter tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Lexington in Lexington, Kentucky. On July 10, 2020, Mr. Porter was released from isolation based upon two COVID-19 negative tests. On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, Mr. Porter was admitted to the local hospital due to a stroke, where his condition continued to deteriorate. On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, Mr. Porter, who had pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as a risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Gerald Porter was a 73 year-old male sentenced in the Eastern District of Virginia to an 144-month sentence for Receipt of Images of Minors Engaging in Sexually Explicit Conduct. He had been in the custody of FMC Lexington since December 18, 2017.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1,274 offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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